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# Residents set to bring CBO issues to council

Angelica Blenich  
Staff reporter

Sheldon Lewis was born and raised in Highland Grove, where his parents still live to this day.

After leaving the area to attend post-secondary school, Lewis lived outside of the county for many years and made the decision to come back about a year ago, to help take care of his aging parents.

"My parents are getting older and I wanted to be closer to them," said Lewis.

He decided last year to build a house on the farm where he grew up, the same farm where his parents continue to reside.

He thought the plan was simple, however, the building process has been anything but, with multiple delays, a ruling in his favour from the Ontario Building Code Commission and possibly a second application to the third-party tribunal.

Last September Lewis initially filed his application for a building permit to construct a house in Highland Grove.

Following multiple conversations with the Highlands East building department, Lewis was told he should be getting his permit shortly.

However at the end of the month he was told his application was incomplete, after the 10-day time period to obtain a permit had lapsed.

"I got that message and started phoning

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## Pedal for Hope

The Pedal for Hope cycling tour rolls into Wilberforce to meet with the 65 Wilberforce Elementary School students at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre on Monday, May 5. More on page 23. Darren Lum Staff

# Johnson and Scott face off again

Chad Ingram  
Staff reporter

For the third time in seven years, Liberal Rick Johnson will square off against Progressive Conservative Laurie Scott for the provincial seat in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

With NDP leader Andrea Horwath's announcement Friday morning that her party would not support the Liberal budget tabled May 1, Ontario is in election mode.

Election day will be June 12.

The \$130-billion Liberal budget included tax hikes for Ontarians earning more than \$150,000 and would have grown this year's deficit to \$12 billion, up from \$10 billion.

Asked if there was anything the Liberal government could have included to gain support from the PC Opposition, Scott was blunt.

"No," she said. "I wouldn't trust those people with your money."

Scott criticized the budget for increasing the deficit and debt.

"We want to decrease taxes for everybody," she said. "We want to decrease red tape for businesses."

Scott added this red tape included regulations and fees on tradespeople through the college of trades.

"[The Liberals] are driving young people out of the province," she said.

At a press conference Friday afternoon, Liberal leader Kathleen Wynne criticized PC leader Tim Hudak's plan to create a million jobs over eight years as moving the

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## Local artists show off work

Elizabeth Turner, above, is a local artist, retired teacher and fourth generation resident of Soyers Lake. She paints in acrylic and watercolour and has also produced linocut, woodcut and intaglio prints. Along with Turner, local artists Terry Wright and Sarah Carlin-Ball are exhibiting their work at Baked and Battered. Wright focuses on the human form as a means of exploring what it means to be human. She hopes to interpret the stories of ordinary people from Haliburton's past. Carlin-Ball began seriously painting a couple of years ago. She paints in bright colours and examines themes of spirituality and environmental concern. You can meet Turner as well as local artists Terry Wright and Sarah Carlin-Ball at a meet the artists event at Baked and Battered in Haliburton on May 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. Their work will be on display until May 31. Photo submitted

## Head Lake ice finally out

Bruce Armstrong is the winner of the Head Lake ice out contest this year with his guess of April 28 at 6 a.m. Our ice watcher confirmed the ice had left the lake April 28 at 9:30 p.m. Armstrong receives a free subscription to the *Haliburton Echo*.

# Liberal record likely focus

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province toward a low-wage labour economy.

"We want good-paying, middle-class jobs," Scott said. "There are a million unemployed people in Ontario. They have no record. This is what their policies have created."

Johnson, who's been working as senior advisor of stakeholder relations for the Ministry of Rural Affairs for more than a year criticized the PCs for coming out against the budget before it was even tabled.

"It's a good budget," he said. "This is what we need to do over the next 10 years."

There was the creation of a permanent, \$100-million fund for rural infrastructure.

"The state of the roads and bridges is huge," Johnson said.

He said other highlights of the budget were supports for the most vulnerable, including increases for those on the Ontario Disability Support Program and Ontario Works payments, as well as a \$100 increase in the yearly per-child payment through the Ontario Child Benefit.

The E-Health, Ornge and gas plant scandals that unfolded under former Premier Dalton McGuinty, as well as an investigation into deleted government emails pertaining to the gas plants, seem destined to be part of candidates' debates throughout the province.

Wynne has repeatedly stressed her lack of involvement in incidents that took place under her predecessor.

"She's a very strong communicator," Scott said. "But she can't distance herself [from McGuinty]."

"There are a lot of things that have gone wrong," Johnson said. "This issue will come up. My opponent will raise it on a regular basis."

Johnson, stressing he's known Wynne since 2001, said she's a person of integrity.

"I haven't deleted an email in a year and half, because

that's the rules," he said, adding that every party that has been in power has had some sort of problem with scandal.

Another item in the budget was the creation of an Ontario pension plan, an idea Scott mocked, saying it wasn't the government's role and was something not everyone could afford to pay into.

"There are tools they can invest in for their retirement," she said. "That's not an idea we believe in."

Scott added just affording to live was a more pressing issue for many Ontarians than affording to retire and that bringing down hydro bills might be a good place to start.

Johnson pointed out that people are living longer than they used to and that the province putting aside some money now in the form of pensions would be better than the alternative for some seniors down the road.

"Then they become the problem of the state," he said.

Johnson, a professional musician and former chairman of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, first challenged Scott in 2007, losing that bid.

Then, in 2009, Scott vacated her seat, taking a staff position with the Progressive Conservative party to allow its then riding-less leader John Tory a much-needed opportunity to hold a seat in Queen's Park.

Johnson beat Tory in the March byelection and Tory resigned as party leader, replaced by Hudak.

Johnson served as MPP, acting as parliamentary secretary for the agricultural and infrastructure ministries, until the fall 2011 election, when he was beaten by Scott.

Scott is the daughter of the late Bill Scott, a popular MP who represented the riding in the House of Commons for 25 years.

Don Abel, a retired City of Kawartha Lakes licensing officer and former MPP for Wentworth North, will run for the NDP in the riding.

The *Echo* was unable to connect with Abel before press time.

## Falls prevention program starting up

Free 12-week program geared to seniors at risk of falls

Jenn Watt  
Editor

A 12-week course designed to help those at risk of falling while doing regular daily activities is starting up in Haliburton County.

The free program runs twice a week with each class being one hour.

"Our instructors for the programs are physiotherapists, occupational therapists and kinesiologists. That's what sets them apart from other programs," said Heather Ballarin, coordinator of the falls prevention program for Closing the Gap Healthcare Group.

Because the instructors have health-care training, they are able to make tweaks to the program based on who is in the class.

Funding for the classes comes from the provincial government through Community Care Haliburton County, which chose Closing the Gap to run the classes.

Seniors who feel unsure on their feet, but haven't had many falls are the ones this class is designed for.

"People who are starting to feel unsteady or unsafe going out in the community without assistance: they're sometimes using walls or furniture for stability while they're walking, they're considering using a walking aid when they haven't been using one previously [are the ones targeted by the class]," said Ballarin.

Each one-hour class starts with an information session, followed by stretching, strengthening and balance work. Topics to be discussed include home safety, outdoor hazards, nutrition and what to do if you fall among others.

Participants will be given information to take home and continue doing the exercises, which are chosen for their effectiveness in restoring balance.

That balance can lead to confidence, said Ballarin, who is a registered physiotherapist.

"When we start to feel less safe and less secure we start to

decrease the things that we're willing to do. We start to limit our activities based on our comfort level. And the more we limit those activities, the less mobile we become and the more at risk for falls we become. It becomes a vicious cycle," she said.

The instructor for Haliburton County is Sibin Jacob, an occupational therapist, who will be running all of the classes.

Provincial funding for the classes started to flow in the fall and other areas of the province have already been running these programs with success.

A Hastings County woman provided this feedback to Ballarin after completing the course there: "When I started the program I was very unsteady on my feet. The difference in me is incredible. I feel wonderful."

Another said: "I can now get up from my chair with my coffee cup in my hand."

There is a class limit of 10, so participants are asked to register beforehand.

Classes begin May 26 and run through to Aug. 11 and are for seniors. The Haliburton class takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1 p.m. at the museum. The Minden class is Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m. at the Minden Hospital. The Wilberforce class is Mondays and Fridays at 9 a.m. at the Legion.

Register for the class by calling Closing the Gap at 1-800-339-7792, extension 4070 or by email at [info@closingthegap.ca](mailto:info@closingthegap.ca).

## Free seniors exercise classes

In addition to the falls prevention program, there are also free drop-in seniors exercise classes across the county.

They focus on strength, endurance, balance and flexibility and are done either seated on a chair or standing behind a chair.

Each class is 45 minutes long.

The exercise classes have already begun and are running until March 31, 2015.

In Haliburton, go to Parklane Apartments on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. or Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.

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# Building Code Commission gets involved

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my councillor, the reeve and the ministry," said Lewis.

The following week Lewis says he did meet with the municipality and council members, but was unsuccessful.

"It was like talking to a wall," he said. "They said they had a bit of a problem in 2008 [with the building department] but have had none since then."

Frustrated with their lack of help and understanding, Lewis decided to take his case to the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

In October, Lewis filed an application for the resolution of a dispute with Randy Dunsmore, CBO for Highlands East.

The hearing took place on Oct. 8, with Highlands East fire chief Bill Wingrove acting as a designate on behalf of Dunsmore, according to the ministry.

The dispute was handled by the Building Code Commission, an adjudicative tribunal authorized under the Building Code Act.

The mandate of the BCC is to resolve one of three types of complaints, those dealing with time period disputes for site inspections, time period disputes for permit applications and those regarding technical requirements of a project, said Sally England-Bizjak, of the Ontario Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs.

"The commission's mandate is quite narrow in scope," she said. "Depending on the nature of what the issues are ... things like code of conduct would fall out of scope."

Panels are made up of former CBOs, contractors, architects, designers and other professionals related to the building industry, said England-Bizjak.

Between one to three panel members decide on an application, depending on its nature. The BCC does not issue fines or penalties following a hearing.

"That's not within their mandate," said England-Bizjak. "We're not an enforcement body. But the whole purpose of having a ruling is it then becomes binding on both the parties."

The BCC ruled that the respondent, Dunsmore, did not comply with the requirements of certain sections of the Building Code Act, regarding issuing a building permit.

The ruling further stated the respondent did not provide notice to the applicant in writing, within two days, that the building permit application was considered incomplete, which it must legally do.

Lewis had never applied to the BCC prior to last fall, but found the entire experience helpful and straightforward.

"I figured if I didn't go to the ministry it would just be my word against their word," said Lewis. "I wanted a third-party to say OK this is wrong, this is right."

However since the ruling went in his favour he has been met with more obstacles.

"I got the permit in October and I started doing the footings and foundation," said Lewis. While the construction work continued, Lewis has worked with local contractors, who have guided him along through the project.

But another snag with the building department has surfaced and now Lewis is considering applying once again to the ministry.

The Highland Grove resident has continued to bring up concerns to the municipality, but has had no luck, he says.

The difficulty now lies with trying to move forward and work cooperatively with Dunsmore, said Lewis.

"This is an issue and it seems to have been going on since 2008 and it has to be dealt with," said Lewis. "I don't understand how this can be happening, it baffles me."

According to England-Bizjak, there were two applications filed to the BCC in 2013 regarding Dunsmore.

Todd Bertram and his business partner Manfred Nemeczek have also had their share of frustrations in dealing with Dunsmore.

Although they have never taken their complaints to the BCC, they have had a legal dispute with the CBO in the past and are worried they are headed down the same path.

Bertram and Nemeczek co-own U-Store 28, located on Highway 28.

A former marina, the business has been converted into a storage facility, with apartment units on the second floor.



Angelica Blenich Staff

Highlands East resident and contractor Todd Bertram and his business partner (not pictured) are upset with the ongoing building issues they are facing at UStore 28. The issues, which date back for years, revolve around a lack of communication and cooperation with the municipality's chief building official Randy Dunsmore.

According to Bertram, there was always living quarters on the second level of the building and after the pair bought the building in 2009, they decided to divide the large space into multiple units.

"All of our work has to do with this apartment unit," said Bertram.

Construction work followed and so did problems with the building department.

"Manfred called and called, he called four times and he never got a return phone call," said Bertram.

The pair soon received a stop-work order from the CBO, claiming they didn't have the appropriate permit for the work they were doing.

"We tried to find out what kind of permit we needed and never got a call back," said Bertram. "We said we'll get a permit, just tell us what it's for."

The issue was taken to court and resolved, with Bertram and Nemeczek paying out a settlement.

"As far as we're concerned, we have a clean slate at that point," said Bertram.

Bertram and Nemeczek hired an architect from a firm in Toronto to provide the design and drawings for them, turning the one legal apartment into two dwellings.

Now, with the second apartment about 95 per cent complete, the project is at a standstill, as Dunsmore has raised issues with the fire separations, according to Bertram.

To comply with what Dunsmore is requiring, much of the completed construction would have to be ripped out, said Bertram.

"We asked him for a detailed description of what he wants. He answered in a very vague email saying talk to your architect about the fire separations," said Bertram. He doesn't really answer us."

Bertram claims that he and his partner have tried to comply with the rules of the building code, but have not received timely responses or cooperation from Dunsmore.

The owner claims he has signed statements from the previous owner saying everything was done legally and up to code, as well as a signed statement from the former CBO saying the apartment is legal.

Bertram met with Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton, Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge and fire chief Bill Wingrove on March 27 to discuss their concerns.

Since then nothing has been done, he said.

The business owners claim they had a tenant lined-up to move in on April 1, however the apartment is still incomplete.

"They are long gone," said Bertram.

Going forward Bertram and Nemeczek have many different options they could pursue, including filing a lawsuit, taking their complaint to the BCC, or reconstructing the two apartments at a cost of \$152,000 to the two businessmen.

"If we were aware of what had to be done here, we wouldn't have done this work in the first place," said Bertram in regards to the apartment. "We're giving the township an opportunity to make this right, but we're getting nowhere."

They have tried to approach the municipality, with hopes of being a delegation at the scheduled meeting for May 13.

Calls and emails to Dunsmore and Partridge were never returned to the paper.

Highlands East chief administrative officer Sharon Stoughton-Craig was out of the office and unavailable for comment.

The paper was unable to reach Reeve Dave Burton.



## Music lovers flock to Legion for The Claytones

Canadian folk group The Claytones filled the Haliburton Legion with sweet melodies on May 2 to a crowd of enthusiastic listeners and dancers. The group, which originated in Claytone, Ont., has been together for more than two years and has recorded two albums. They performed songs such as *Draw the Drapes*, *My Emmylou* and *Bottle of Wine*. From left, Adam Puddington on upright bass, Kelly Prescott on guitar and vocals, Anders Drerup on guitar and vocals. Missing from the photo is Pat McLaughlin on mandolin.

Angelica Blenich Staff

# Young Professionals Network launches with networking event

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

Young professionals are getting the opportunity to come together and exchange ideas thanks to the Haliburton Highlands Young Professionals Network, which is hosting its kick-off event this Friday.

The network, which is comprised of volunteers on a steering committee, was started early this year by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce in response to local business owners and chamber members who want to keep and attract young people in their 20s and 30s to live and work in Haliburton County.

The kick-off event is from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre on County Road 21.

Melissa Tong, a recent graduate in massage therapy and licenced RMT in her 30s, is looking forward to attending the upcoming event to bolster her client base and meet others like her.

"Not many people know I am a registered massage therapist so this is a good chance to say, 'hey.' If I can talk to people on a one-to-one basis as opposed to calling a random person and, not knowing [whom] their service is being provided by, sometimes it is a little intimidating," she said.

Tong, who had considered starting her own young professionals network prior to the launch, believes making connections is important for young people.

"I thought it was exactly what this county is missing. There are a lot of people who are really good at what they do in the community, but you don't know they even exist," she said.

It's owed in part to how isolated a person might be to a particular field, she said.

She has lived in the Highlands since 2001, mainly working in the outdoor recreation education field, and hopes this will bridge gaps between different industries.

"The outdoor education community is really good at hanging out with each other, but not very good at getting to know who is within their own community," she said.

Being here for more than a decade she has met people through recreation and annual events, but new young residents need the network to make connections to the community.

Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce member services representative and network steering committee member Lauren Hunter said they are looking to support young professionals and believes in providing networking opportunity events.

"There's a need and an opportunity for the Young Professionals Network to provide that common place to get together and talk with like-minded individuals," she said.

The steering committee has a broad definition of what is a young professional. Anyone in his or her 20s or 30s who has skills, which includes post-secondary education or an apprenticeship. This includes trades people, entrepreneurs or artists.

This event will enable the network to learn what young professionals want and need for success. Ideas for future events and programs, Hunter said, can come from event participants. Some ideas already considered by the network are a mentoring program, business succession plans, government funding opportunities and guest speakers.

Organizers ask those who wish to attend to RSVP: 705-457-4700, [ypn@haliburton-chamber.com](mailto:ypn@haliburton-chamber.com), [Facebook.com/haliburton-highlandsYPN](https://www.facebook.com/haliburton-highlandsYPN), @highlandsYPN

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# Canoe FM morning show host bids farewell

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

Your morning drive to work, that first cup of coffee and the reeve's report will no longer be the same, as a familiar voice that floated across the radio airwaves during the early morning hours has broadcasted for the last time.

On May 2, Canoe FM radio host Mike Jaycock received a standing ovation from dozens of community members who came out to thank the man who has been the narrator of their mornings for the past decade.

Last week Jaycock, 72, officially announced he would be stepping down from his morning spot on Canoe FM for health reasons, after being with the radio station for 10 and a half years.

"I think it is a happy day for you perhaps, but a sad day for the community," said Dys-art Reeve Murray Fearrey. "I don't know of anyone that has had an impact like you have, on a volunteer basis."

Emotions and tears filled the room as Jaycock hosted his last morning show with co-hosts Lorraine McNeil and Shawn Chamberlin.

Tributes and gifts piled up, signifying the admiration for the Eagle Lake resident who gave thousands of hours of his time, simply because he believed in community radio.

Jaycock initially decided to get involved with the morning show following an ad he saw in the *Haliburton County Echo*.

"I had been a rock n roll disc jockey in my younger years and about a year before I planned to retire I saw in the *Echo* (we got it by mail in Lynden, Ont.) that a radio station was going to open in a year's time," he told the paper in an email. "I contacted Dave Sovereign (the program director to be) and asked if they would be interested when Jane and I moved to Eagle Lake to 'retire.' We stayed in touch and then when we moved up I went in .. and Dave gave me a big welcome and the next week (October 2003) I went on the air. I remembered how much fun I had as a young man and thought it would be good fun again ... I was right. In fact ... this was the best radio I've ever been involved with."

Jaycock estimates that since then he has donated more than 9,000 volunteer hours and travelled more than 70,000 kilometres for Canoe FM.

But it's all been worth it and his final farewell was a further testament to that.

"What I loved about it was, not just that people had kind things to say, but also that it was further proof of the power and importance of community radio and the way it can touch people, support organizations, and communicate for the broader good of the communities we serve. I was privileged to be long-serving part of that effort."

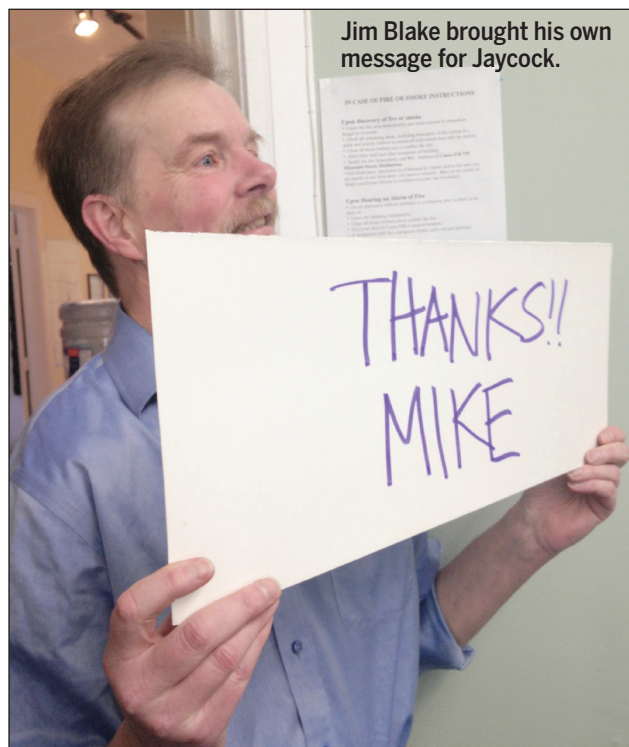
Fearrey thanked Jaycock for being kind to the local politicians and that on behalf of all the reeves "you're our friend forever."

"There used to be a saying, when you come to Haliburton you have to be here four or five years before you're accepted," said Fearrey. "You broke the rule. You were accepted right away."

Representative of many community



Maybelle, aka Jerelyn Craden, left, present Mike Jaycock, centre, with a key to Lake WhaddaYaThinkI Mean in honour of Jaycock's final morning show on radio station Canoe FM. After more than 10 years on the air, Jaycock is stepping back from his volunteer duties for health reasons. Angelica Blenich Staff



Jim Blake brought his own message for Jaycock.



Emotions fill the room at the Canoe FM radio hall on May 2 as morning host Mike Jaycock, left, broadcasts his final show. Jaycock received a standing ovation from co-host Lorraine McNeil and everyone in the room.

organizations, such as the Haliburton County Folk Society, Haliburton Lions Club, Highlands Little Theatre, Haliburton Rotary Club, Highlands Summer Festival and more thanked Jaycock for supporting and promoting their causes and initiatives.

Canoe FM station coordinator Roxanne Casey was not surprised in the least at the turnout for Jaycock's final morning show.

"This isn't goodbye ... this is not a wake. It's just that Mike is leaving our morning show," she said. "You've done an amazing job over the past many years as our morning host ... It's been a true pleasure to work with you over the years."

Apart from being the morning host, Jay-

cock has served on the community radio station's board of directors, hosted workshops and helped in many ways, said Casey.

"The support that we get from Mike Jaycock is just incredible," she said. "I know that this is just we'll see you later, because you're coming back."

Jaycock thanked all those who have been on his show over the years as well as his co-hosts, Chamberlin and McNeil, whom he said were a great start to his day.

"Thank you so much for your contributions," he said. "We have as much fun off the air as we do on the air ... there is a lot of laughter that goes on."

The host also thanked the listeners for

their time and for being "who they are."

"Because of the kind of people we have in the Haliburton Highlands it made it easy to create a one-to-one relationship with our listeners," he said. "I consider it an honour and a privilege ... thanks to all of you who came out today, this has been an absolute joy and a wonderful way to wrap things up."

Jaycock plans to use his morning free time to try to get a bit more sleep, take care of his health, catch up on outside projects, try to do more pottery and look for new opportunities in voice work.

And yes, he still hopes to do a weekly program on Canoe FM.



## Paddling beyond the Mainstream

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*Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir*

## Election priorities

**I**T'S ELECTION SEASON again; provincial candidates have put out their signs and municipal ones are slowly filing their papers.

There is significant overlap between municipal and provincial governments and services, often with both levels working together to deliver services.

That means it's time to evaluate what's working and what's not for Haliburton County and put forward those concerns to candidates as they look for our votes.

Election outcomes are hard to predict, especially municipally, which is why it's important to ensure all potential representatives are aware of what is important to this community.

### Jobs

Probably the biggest obstacle for the Highlands is employment. More than anything else, we need politicians who have a vision for the area with the know-how to enact change. Whether it's big projects, tax incentives or some other industry-luring scheme, this population needs more long-term, year-round employment.

Through that employment comes the tax dollars, burgeoning population, better stores, more to do, etc. It is the key to everything else.

### Transportation

Next to jobs, having wheels to get there is the next biggest challenge for the county. Yes, there are some organizations that give rides to seniors and those with disabilities, but those services are limited and aren't accessible to the whole population. It is still too hard to live in the countryside and get around when you have a lower income.

Discussion around ride sharing and car-pooling has happened over the last four years, but so far no formal, reliable system has been established. Public

transit is very much a political issue and one that can't be resolved without government help.

### Pool/rec centre (municipal)

A central recreation centre for families to enjoy has been gaining momentum, rather than losing it, since the last municipal election. Deemed too expensive by some politicians, there is still a strong appetite among voters to have a place to swim, play sports and work out.

An issue that previously seemed far-fetched is gathering new supporters by the day and will need to be addressed this election.

### OPP costs (provincial)

County councillors tried their best on this one, crying foul to the province through official and unofficial channels. #OPPMayDay called on citizens to let the Liberals know the hike in costs

for the same level of policing service was unwarranted and unacceptable.

However, the power isn't in the municipal governments. It's up to provincial representatives to find a better model that will be fair and affordable for all municipalities.

### Hydro rates (provincial)

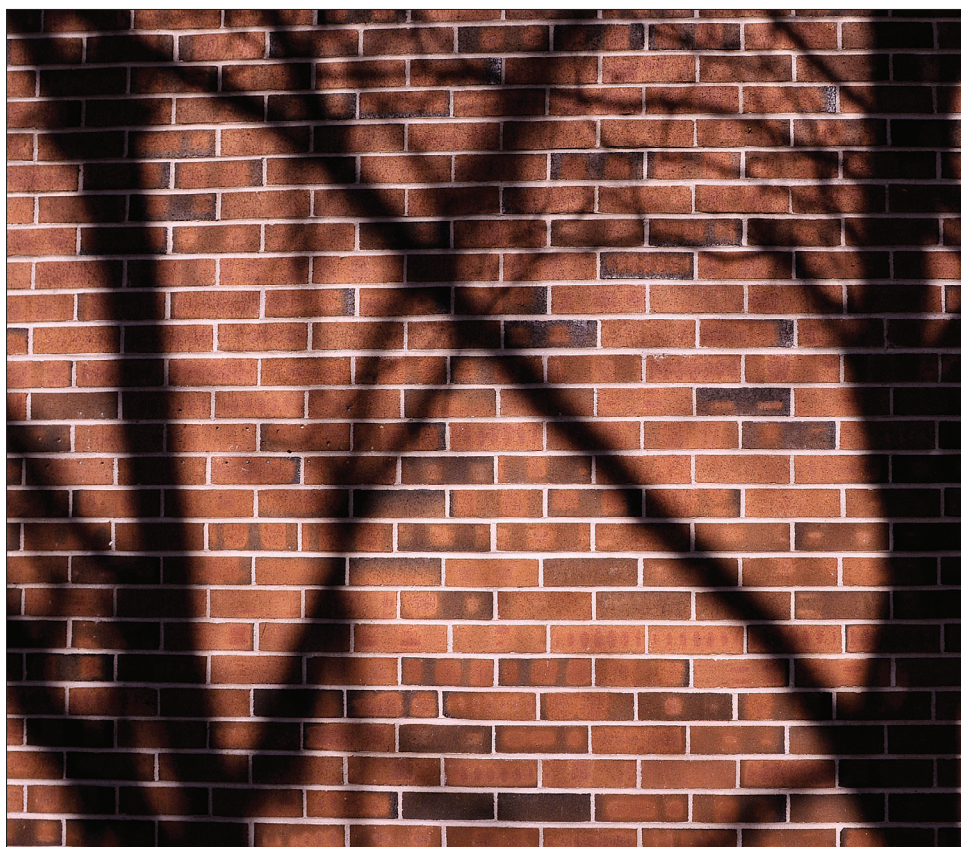
Electricity costs are sky-high and only set to go higher. On top of Hydro One's bungled billing this year, many residents and organizations found their disposable income eaten away by escalating costs. On top of the prices, the salaries paid to the upper tier at Hydro One add insult to injury for those struggling to pay their monthly bills.

The provincial election is June 12. The municipal election is Oct. 27.

Read more about the candidates, their views and ways to have your voice heard in the *Echo*.



**Jenn Watt**  
Editor



shadows

photo by Darren Lum

## Our culture includes turtles

**I**WAS UP EARLY the other morning to drive my husband to a meeting. Driving along County Road 121 we passed Paul Heaven, standing on the road by Wee Care, wearing a brightly coloured vest and looking very focused and happy.

He was waving as people passed by.

Later that same day I was driving along County Road 1, by Wintergreen Pancake Barn, and passed a similar looking person walking along the road and watching.

In both cases it was raining lightly, and in both cases my heart grew 10 times bigger. These two people are part of a larger project that has been taken on by the Haliburton Land Trust.

The land trust is monitoring where turtles are crossing the road in the county, so that in the end more turtles' lives will be saved.

More than 60 volunteers attended a training session with the land trust to learn about the project and to be trained on how to be a turtle monitor.

It involves donating time to stand and record the types of turtles crossing the road (and of course helping them if a car is coming).

There are six types of turtles in Haliburton County, and three of them are classified as "species at risk." These at-risk turtles are also at risk of being hit by a car or having their habitat divided, or "fragmented," by our roads.

Guided by data from the monitors, the land trust will create and implement a plan to keep turtles off our roads.

This is the first project of its kind.

Once developed, this plan has the potential to be used across the province and beyond.

My heart grew 10 times because one

of the reasons I chose to come and live in Haliburton County almost 30 years ago was the environment: the lakes, the trees, the birds, the turtles and all of the wildlife that is up here.

It has always been so important to my husband and I that we live close to nature, and that we raise our daughter with a great reverence for all of life.

For the past year I have been sitting on the municipal cultural resources committee for Dysart et al.

"A vibrant community is a place where people want to live."

Our local municipality (and others) are constantly considering and investing in ways to encourage people to want to move, live and stay here.

We are constantly asking: What does our municipality have? What makes it rich and interesting? (What is our culture?) And then, what are the ways we protect it, promote it, support it and continue to expand it?

We make recommendations to council and we are working hard to build better communication between all the cultural supporters.

I am so inspired by the amount of care and attention people from all walks of life are giving to our local turtles.

They are an important part of our culture.

We can never take them for granted.

Sixty people have signed up to be turtle monitors and 60 more are needed.

If you want to help us save turtles that are in danger of extinction, please contact the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust at admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca, or phone the office at 705-457-3700.



**Lynda Shadbolt**  
Tales from The Great Green Meadow



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# points of view

## Hide and leek

**T**HIS WEEKEND, I took a break from my normal outdoorsy activities to get my canner out because the urge struck me to pickle some wild leeks. No, I was not pickled at the time.

But I was remembering a day last fall, when I had an uninformed salesman show up at the door. He said he was visiting to re-evaluate my home electricity bills – and he represented himself as being from Hydro, which he clearly was not.

I'm not normally a mean person, but situations like this turn me ugly.

So, I did the only thing a homeowner can do to get rid of a persistent, dishonest salesperson like that. I interrupted his sales pitch and started in with a squirrel hunting story.

I could have chosen any type of hunting story but a squirrel hunting story was, by far, the best solution in this situation.



**Steve Galea**

Loon Tales

Why? Because a squirrel hunting story possesses a special brand of crazy that most people just can't wrap their minds around – especially when you tell them you get up before dawn and spend hours sitting alone in the woods, with a squirrel call in hand, trying to lure in enough eastern grey squirrels to concoct a hearty stew.

Typically, by the time you get to the part where you are going through your repertoire of squirrel calls and an explanation of squirrel body language, the salesman in question folds up his clipboard, admits he's not representing whoever he initially implied he was, and sprints off. He might even quit the business altogether.

Come to think of it, I haven't had any salesmen return since that incident either. So, I guess they tell others too.

I never rest on my laurels, however. Nor am I the kind of person who likes to get caught off guard. And I figure these types of companies are like viruses in that they adapt quickly to circumvent our defenses. So, I fully expect that this year, another sales person will knock on my door. Moreover, he'll probably have been trained to withstand at least 45 minutes of squirrel hunting stories – which is something even I can't do.

Hence, the wild leeks.

I'm thinking that, if this current round of trials work out, I'll have weapons-grade leeks by mid-next week.

This, of course, is not something to be taken lightly. With great power, after all, comes great responsibility. But, believe me, I will use them if another door to door salesman comes knocking. I swear it.

The way I figure it, as soon as I get an unfamiliar knock on the door, I'll peek out from behind the curtains and look for the clip board and clip-on tie.

Once, I can confirm that, I'll open the door a bit and casually mention something about squirrel hunting. If that sales person doesn't wince, I'll then ask them to wait for a second.

This will give me enough time to run to the cupboard, break the "in case of emergency" glass and pull out my jar of leeks.

Then, having gauged the salesperson's size, I'll eat the appropriate amount before opening the door.

For a salesperson under 6-feet and 200 pounds, I think one or two leeks will probably provide enough deterrent. For one bigger than that, I'll likely need two and a half to send them on their way. If they send one even bigger, say around 300 pounds or more, I'll mention that I'm hard of hearing and request the person to come closer so I can hear the sales pitch better.

It's cruel, I know. But what else is a person to do?

Sure, after that, I'll have to place myself in quarantine for a week or two, but the way I see it, these people will finally understand I mean business.

I'm also considering selling jars of the stuff to local police forces for last resort crowd control and perhaps to hardware stores to sell as a product that will remove paint from the walls. I might even test it as a bear deterrent, although I still need to check into animal cruelty laws before that happens.

But really all I'm looking to do is stop visits from unwanted con men. And, when that happens, I'll breathe easy.

## letters to the editor

## Pond hockey request too much

**To the Editor,**

In these times of financial hardship for the County of Haliburton and the individual municipalities dealing with the rising cost of policing and repair of roads after this harsh winter, how can Mr. Lumsden even think of asking for \$25,000 to support the pond hockey tournament in Haliburton?

Then tell the county council members if they don't get the money the event can't happen. Fine, kiss it goodbye and let it go somewhere else if someone wants to fund it. Perhaps that is why it ended up in Haliburton in the first place, nobody else wanted the financial burden.

Mr. Lumsden has to realize that when asking for county money it is coming from taxpayers in the whole county, not just the Haliburton area from which *some, not all*, businesses reap some benefits. I have not seen any spinoff business in Gooderham, Tory Hill, Wilberforce, Harcourt, Highland Grove or Cardiff in the Municipality of Highlands East from the event. If an event of this size cannot be self sufficient and support itself then there is something wrong with the way it is being managed and it should not fall onto the taxpayers of the county to

keep it going. Ask the Haliburton area business that actually benefit from the event to come up with your \$25,000 and see what reaction you get from them. Of the stated "\$385,000 spent in the county during two weekends" is there \$25,000 coming back to the county funds to take the burden off us taxpayers for OUR support? I think not.

I am a strong supporter of any event that can bring money into any of our communities but they must be self supportive and not place a cost on the taxpayers. It does not make financial sense to spend taxpayers' money and get nothing in return for the most of us. We need roads and policing before we need people freezing their butts off playing hockey on a lake.

All events such as this and the small summer fairs that used to take place in most of the communities cannot be self supportive these days, people just don't have extra money to spend after paying their living expenses. Just my thoughts, you can either agree or disagree, doesn't matter to me.

**Doug Bates  
Gooderham**

## Library branches are our town squares

**To the Editor,**

Let me confess up front that I have loved the Haliburton library system for decades. No trip to town is complete without a visit. It is the closest thing to a four-season town square that we have. This is where the residents, long-time, newbies, permanent and seasonal, cross paths; where we meet and talk and get to know about other lives. Everyone is welcome, and it doesn't cost a red cent to spend time here.

So why do we need all the branches? It's a big county with a widely spread population, more who deal with tight budgets than not. To have a library close is to have access to your community and, via the Internet, to the world. An Internet connection runs about \$500 a year, so I'm grateful that it is available to me at the library. This letter is being written on the Word program at the library. I have downloaded email attachments into Adobe and printed them, at the library. I recently completed an e-review that required Acrobat, at the library. All of these programs cost money to own and upgrade so, again, I'm grateful they are available at the library.

While having fewer branches would save the cost of travel for a small number of staff, it would also increase the travel costs and time required for the hundreds of people who use the branches.

**Anne-Marie Borthwick  
Haliburton**

## Lumsden should make request to business reps

**To the Editor,**

The pond hockey tournament is a wonderful annual event for Haliburton.

And it's good to hear from J-Core's Neil Lumsden that it's "driving business." He says that the amount spent "equates to nearly \$385,000 spent in the county during two weekends."

That's very exciting for our businesses. But since that's where he thinks the money's going, he's making his \$25,000 demand (and that's what it is) per year to the wrong people. He should be talking to the Chamber of Commerce. He should be talking to the accommodations and restaurant people and any other businesses who are reaping the rewards.

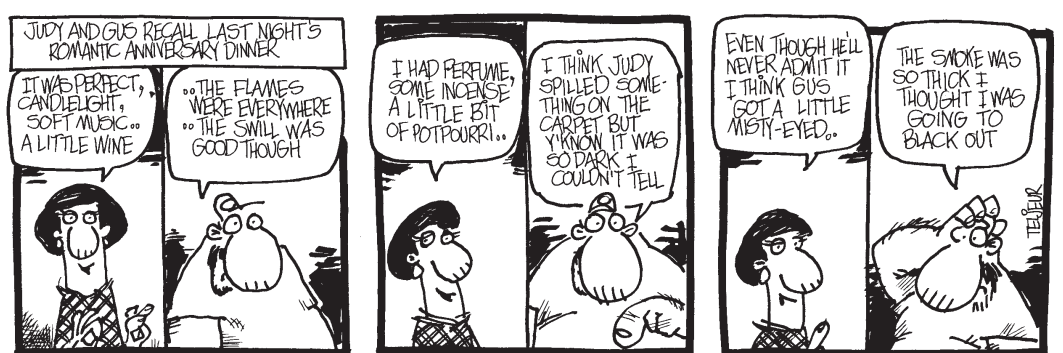
Not the taxpayer!

You're right, Ms. Watt, in your editorial when you say that if it's going to cost Haliburton County \$75,000 for the next three years, we (the taxpayers) will have to pass.

**Jack Bush  
Haliburton**

**More letters to the Editor on page 8**

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# letters



1964 photo from that first muddy spring in Haliburton. Photo shows Ken Langdon with children - Raymond, Carolyn and Elizabeth. Photo submitted by Carolyn Langdon

## Hardware store brings back memories

**To the Editor,**

Last week in these pages readers learned that Haliburton Home Hardware is to be sold to Jerry Walker, a local businessman. Jerry Walker will want to make changes but for the time being there will be a Home Hardware store on the main street of Haliburton village.

With the retirement of Ray Langdon, a family business spanning 50 years and three generations comes to an end. "It's only a matter of time before we sell the property as well," said 77-year-old Marian Langdon adding, "We're a family of travelers and managing property ties us down." Ray Langdon plans a little adventure travel himself.

The extended Langdon family moved to Haliburton 50 years ago May 1. Haliburton village was a very different place back then and the move coincided with mud season in the Highlands. In 1964 few downtown parking lots were paved and you were wise to wear your boots to town. The elder Langdon, Harold had been to the county many years before. He came to visit Alfred Langdon, an uncle and cabinet-maker who moved to Minden in 1908 to establish himself as a boat builder. "Harold remembered vividly the raw beauty of the area and going out on the Gull River in one of his uncle's boats," recalls Ken Langdon.

The early years of operating the hardware store were tough and go but the county's lakes were being

developed and the business flourished. The business expanded over the years and it's now bursting at the seams.

Coincidentally, Home Hardware Stores Ltd. marked 50 years in business on April 4. Home Hardware Stores is a 100 per cent Canadian owned and operated cooperative of independent dealers. From humble beginnings it now includes close to 1,100 stores throughout Canada. "We weren't in at the beginning but joined Home Hardware when they expanded to our region in 1978," said Ken Langdon.

The Langdon family owe a huge debt of thanks to all their loyal customers and staff. Home Hardware is about service and service is delivered by a dedicated and knowledgeable staff. "We've had some of the best and we want them to know they're valued," said Ray Langdon.

Customers, current and former staff are invited to drop by the hardware store on Highland Street between 1 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 22. Clippings and photos dating back 100 years will be on display from Marian's collection and from the collection of the Haliburton Highlands Museum. If you have any photos to share please bring them. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to celebrate this milestone with the Langdon family.

**Ken, Marian, Raymond, Carolyn and Isa (Elizabeth) Langdon  
Haliburton**

## Thanks for a lovely birthday

**To the Editor,**

The open house celebration for my 90th birthday at the Wilberforce Legion was a pleasant surprise.

Thanks to all my family and friends for a special day and to those who drove long distances to attend.

A very special thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary of Legion Branch 624 for their hard work providing a wonderful lunch and for decorating the room for the occasion.

**Len Crawford**

## How about #HydroOneMayDay?

**To the Editor,**

We have been asked to flood the "powers that be" with our disdain over the OPP billing reform. Why not do the same to Hydro One for their method of billing? I have called Hydro One to try to get them to explain why the bottom half of my bill is higher than the actual amount of electricity I use. After listening to percentage numbers, basic service fee, smart meter fee, distribution costs, transmission network fees, .00719 times x? formulas, etc. it was too much for my tired old brain and I gave up!

The delivery charge, regulatory charge, debt retirement charge, and HST are all based on your kWh usage. Why? That means I am paying for my usage five times! I am on electric heat so my smart meter time of use does not work for me as my

heat is on during on-peak rates, and lower or off during off-peak rates. I use the off-peak times as much as possible for household tasks to try to lower my costs. The cost of the meter is 79 cents a month and it is not yet implemented in every home!

Why is the debt retirement cost not a fixed amount for everyone? I am to pay \$44.41 this month to retire their debt that I did not cause! Why am I paying more as it fluctuates with my kWh usage?

I phoned the Ministry of Finance for Ontario to ask when the debt retirement was to be removed from the bill. Answer was "intends to be taken off anytime after Dec. 31, 2015 to 2020, probably 2018"! They are going to remove the Ontario Clean Energy Benefit which is the small credit we receive on our bill, in 2015 I believe.

In the early '70s Ontario Hydro

convinced home owners that electric heat was the cheapest method for heating your home. And it was then! My parents, whose home we bought, converted totally to electric heat. Changing to other fuel sources is no longer an option.

I contacted other fuel sources and they charge to fill up your tank, plus tax! They do not have charges like those on the bottom half of our hydro bills based on kWh usage. Why is Hydro One allowed to bill us again and again based on our usage? Am I the only one upset out there?

The irony of it all is Hydro One has several hydro poles going through my wooded back lot bringing electricity to my lake. I should be charging them yearly for this right of way!

**Lois Rigney  
Minden Hills**

## If pond hockey benefits businesses, they should foot the bill

**To the Editor,**

I was dismayed but not entirely surprised to read that Neil Lumsden is seeking an ongoing commitment of \$25,000 per year to keep the pond hockey tournament in Haliburton. This sense of entitlement to have taxpayers fund business activity has become all too common. See automobile industry, wind farms, etc. for examples. The discouraging aspect of the story is that our county councillors did not immediately reject the request and thereby send a strong message to the others.

Based on the real estate ads it is clear quite a number of people have spent well over the estimated \$385,000 in local spending that comes from the pond hockey tournament building a home in Haliburton in recent years. Many did so

with local labour and material purchased from businesses in the community. Based on Mr. Lumsden's approach, I guess those who buy locally should apply for a grant from taxpayers rather than paying for a building permit. What a crazy world that would be!

I have no objection to a few of our tax dollars providing "seed money" to unique opportunities to grow our local economy. Pond hockey qualified for \$10,000 two years ago - not going forward.

Mr. Lumsden's approach actually contributes to higher taxes. I am happy to pay fair taxes for efficiently delivered services such as schools, roads and landfill sites. If pond hockey, or other similar ventures, actually benefit businesses in the community then those business owners should make a sound invest-

ment and provide the requested funding. I suspect most would say their margins don't justify the investment but as business owners they should make that call.

This approach will leave us all with a little more disposable income to spend locally or contribute to the causes that we individually believe are important.

Councillors thinking of supporting this and similar requests should recognize their decision to perpetuate a dependence on taxpayers will provide terrific fodder for a strong candidate seeking to replace them in the elections this October.

**John D. Smith  
Kennisis Lake**

## Pond hockey needs transparency

**To the Editor,**

I totally agree with the editor's comments with respect to funds not being given to the organizers of Canadian National Pond Hockey. These funds would be used to help pay the expenses for the event.

Carol Moffatt has rightfully asked what a lot of us have wondered, what will the organizers of pond hockey contribute back to community groups?

Neil Lumsden has been giving us figures about hundreds of people coming to Haliburton, thousands upon thousands of dollars being spent in Haliburton County. This is how his event gives back to the community?

Yet hockey tournament organizers from Silver Sticks, Coby Islanders and Homebuilders also have people coming here and spending money in Haliburton. In the end, they directly contribute funds back to the community groups. I don't remember these organizers asking for expense funding!

Neil Lumsden presented his

report to county council by requesting only some of the expenses be divulged. As a "not for profit" organization, you can't just pick and choose which expenses you will divulge. All those financial facts have to be available to the public. By not being totally transparent what are we led to believe? Why are some figures being hidden?

Registration for the tournament was \$600 per team. At approximately 170 registered teams, this grosses the organizers over \$100,000. Are we informed about what other funds from other sources contribute to this event? You mean to tell me that somewhere in that amount there isn't any start up funding?

We hear community groups were allowed to participate and raise money yet they were told what they were allowed to sell. Also, how much of those sales went back to Canadian National Pond Hockey?

Two years ago when the Canadian National Pond Hockey organizers were looking for a new home, this community welcomed the event with open arms by donating hun-

dreds of hours to help make it a success and thereby considerably lowering costs for the organizers and the company.

When county tax dollars are being used to improve the quality of life in our community by repairing and improving roads, sidewalks, sewers and snow removal, I don't have a problem with that. But, when tax dollars might be used to help make money for an outside private enterprise, I take issue with this idea.

Now, Neil Lumsden has approached county council and it appears that Canadian National Pond Hockey might be looking for a new home if council refuses the \$75,000 for this event.

If that type of "cavalier attitude" is the approach of Canadian National Pond Hockey organizers to our councillors and this community, then let me say "there's the door, don't let it hit you on the way out!"

**Andy Chvedukas  
Haliburton Lake**

## points of view

# So this is spring in Tory Hill?

**T**ODAY, as I sit inside wearing two sweaters and a toque, I am patting myself on the back for taking the time to plant a few hundred spring-flowering bulbs when we first retired to this area three years ago. If it weren't for the dream of sunshine yellow daffodils

**Belinda Gallagher**



**Garden musings**

and the intoxicating scent of grape hyacinths, I would be crying over the keyboard. Many folks avoid planting bulbs, considering them to be nothing

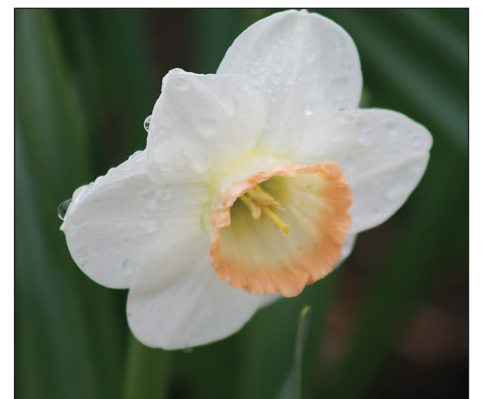
more than fodder for the resident chipmunks, squirrels, deer and voles. Certainly there are bulbs that are always on nature's buffet table, tulips being the prime example, but there are others that withstand the grazing and will provide you with nothing but joy come warmer weather.

Winter aconites, so named as the foliage looks like monkshood (*Aconitum* sp.) are the first to bloom, poking through the snowpack. The bright yellow blooms with skirts of leaves always remind me of the ruffled collars worn by Henry the VIII in the movies. Right on their heels come the bulbous iris (*Iris reticulata*) coming in the most regal of purple shades and scoffing at late spring snowfall. I did have luck with some of the early species tulips like *Tulip tarda* and "Heart's Delight" – well, that is until just after flowering when the chipmunks ate all the bulbs!



**Belinda Gallagher** Special to the Echo

Above, erantis (winter aconites); top right, sun discs; bottom right, narcissus bell song.



Coming to the rescue, daffodils, more botanically speaking the *Narcissus* family. I have to admit that of all the spring flowers, it is the daffodil that draws the biggest smile. According to the American Daffodil Society there are at least 25,000 (yes, 25,000) named cultivars and anywhere between 40 and 200 species of *Narcissus*.

I have a mere handful of the types in my garden, but would happily have one of each if I had the energy to plant them. Easy to grow, most daffodils will take to sun or part shade under deciduous trees and will outlast the gardener who planted them. The leaves and bulbs contain poisonous crystals that deter snacking animals although sometimes rodents

will dig them up. Just remember to plant them in the fall, no later than Oct. 15 in this area for best results.

Some favourites include the double *Narcissus* Tamar Fire (introduced in 1976) so showy it is hard to get a clear photograph; *N. Thalia* (1916) a pure white, multi-flowered gem; *N. Sun Disc* (pre-1946) a cute little daff that is an RHS Award of Garden Merit winner; and *N. Bell Song* (1971) with its hint of pink.

For the purists out there, daffodils are NOT native plants – few spring flowering bulbs are with the exception of our trout lily, wild leek, trillium and a couple others. So you must make an ethical decision about including these non-natives. (This discussion is for another musing.)

In the meantime, I am counting the days until I pack away the toque, grab a coffee and explore the garden, discovering which of the daffodils is the best this year. While I am at it, I will certainly bend down to smell the bubble-gum scent of the grape hyacinth. Yes, I can DO spring in Tory Hill.

*Belinda is a Master Gardener Emeritus, former head of Horticulture, Royal Botanical Gardens, Hamilton and currently instructs for the University of Guelph in their Sustainable Urban Horticulture program. This summer she will be teaching Garden Design at the Haliburton School of the Arts.*

## Life's journey, no matter how long or short, is ours

**Gerald Irish**  
A Senior's Moment

Our varied lives have led us down many different paths but in all of our lives all paths lead us to the same place.

While on your journeys don't carry angers and frustrations. Inevitably the only one you'll wind up hurting is yourself.

So, someone said something about you that you didn't appreciate. This opened many avenues for you. Anger. This can become so intense as to develop into hatred. Upset. This can only lead to total frustrations which can make

you feel ill because you can't change or control things.

Forgiveness. This leads to calmness and acceptance of yourself and the situation. You may not like it but you can live with it and with yourself. Throughout life things like this have opened many avenues for us.

Unfulfilled promises can do the same to us. Which path will we choose? Anger? Frustration? Despair? Or forgiveness?

To forgive does not mean we have to forget but it unlocks and opens the gates leading us down the more peaceful, happy path on life's journey.

Life's journey, no matter how long

or how short, is our journey and only ours. We make of it what we can and we choose which paths to follow. Choose the one which leads to happiness – happiness for self and those near to us. We will end up at the same destination as everyone else but we will have had a happier journey.

Maybe it will help to remember this old Apache saying, "You can take many paths to get to the same place."

We seniors have had to

learn which is the best path for us. The choice is not always easy but we can and will do it.

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# Mental health stigma shouldn't hold kids back

Jenn Watt  
Editor

Children's mental health tends not to get the attention it deserves.

Whether it is fear of what the words "mental health" entail, or a culture that says people should keep their problems to themselves, it can be a challenge to get kids and families to accept help.

"If your child is exhibiting mental health problems ... there is the whole thing still about the word 'mental.' ... People back off on that one. People still make that correlation to say my kid doesn't need hospitalization or they go to the extreme," said Dan Bajorek, program manager at Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents.

Children's Mental Health Week runs from May 4 to 10 and during this time, Bajorek wants to get the word out to people in Haliburton County that help is out there and there is nothing shameful about asking for a bit of assistance.

"There is a real pride to it. [Some think,] 'I really should be able to resolve my own problems,'" he said.

But sometimes that's not the best way to deal with it.

An outside person who can offer an objective opinion and practical advice in a confidential environment can make the difference.

Children's mental health issues can range from anxiety and depression to psychosis and eating disorders.

Point in Time offers resources for all types of challenges and includes professionals trained to work with children's spe-

cific needs from birth to age 18. The organization has counselling services, group activities, a respite program for parents as well as several programs at the schools focusing on bettering all children's mental health.

"Just as our title is Point in Time, at any point in time you could find yourself in need and it may be beyond the realm of what your family is able to cope with," said Bajorek.

Issues kids might face that could cause some mental health issues include bullying, academic pressure, substance abuse and others.

The program manager said Point In Time tries to offer services to deal with specific issues, meaning children and families accessing their counsellors, therapists and other programs won't necessarily be engaged with the organization for the long-term.

"We try to be as unobtrusive as possible. Because you're in that point in time of your life briefly," he said.

When people are introduced to the services available as youth, they become adults, and those coping practices come back to them.

"Hopefully, if the kids have been able to say talking to somebody doesn't necessarily suck, or, this has been very helpful, then ideally when they get into these adult issues ... you're going to have an easier time being able to make that phone call and reaching out as well," he said.

Bajorek has been working in the mental health field for about 40 years. In that time there has been progress.



Jenn Watt Staff

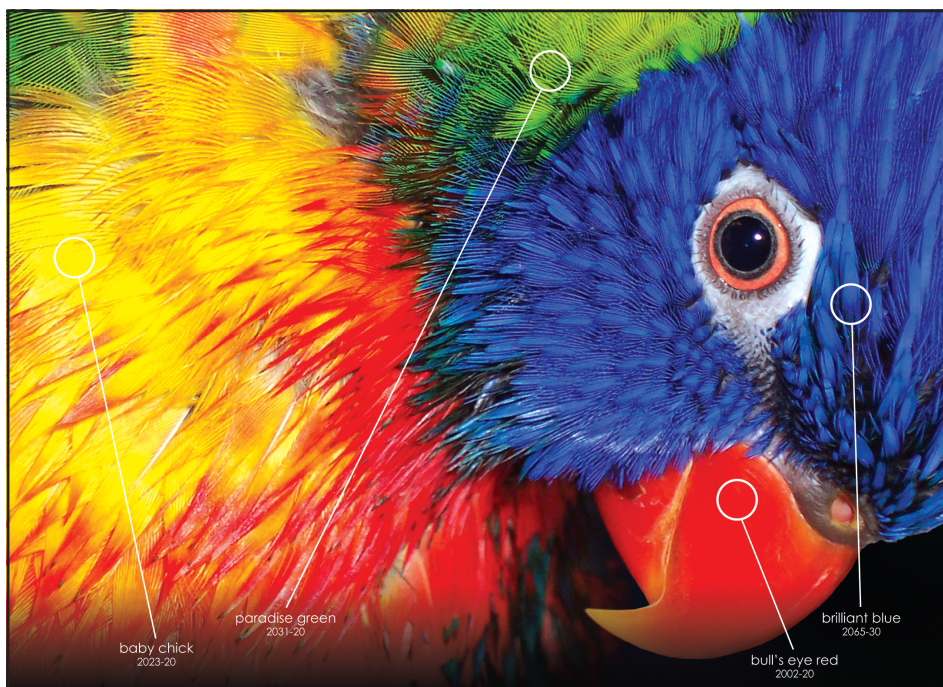
Dan Bajorek, program manager at Point in Time, sits in one of the organization's family meeting rooms on May 1. Bajorek said Point in Time offers a range of services to children and families dealing with mental health struggles.

"Certainly there's less of a stigma, not that it's been totally erased. There certainly is more of an acceptance to say there are people out there that I can talk to. That's good," he said.

Ultimately, he'd like to see families embrace mental health services as just another aspect of taking care of overall health.

"[They should] see it as a source of pride and courage to say I did have to reach out and go to somebody else. That didn't make me less-than or weak. ... For me, it's about let's make better choices for ourselves."

For more information on Point in Time go to [www.pointintime.ca](http://www.pointintime.ca) or call 705-457-5345 (705-286-2191 in Minden).



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# Musicians learn once a pianist, always a pianist

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

For many, music is a lifelong love affair, with the power to enrapture one again and again.

Such is the case for three local women who comprised the adult piano class at the Haliburton Highlands Music Festival on May 2.

All three took lessons early in life, returning to the ivories years later.

"I took them as a kid," said Lisa Kerr. "I took them until I went to university."

Kerr got a law degree, settled down, she and her husband moving their family to the Highlands in 1998.

As a stay-at-home mom, she began taking lessons with teacher Lauren McInnes, a former faculty member of the Royal Conservatory of Music.

Kerr plays in the festival every few years, an experience that can be nerve-wracking for her.

"The whole music festival thing is a challenge for me," she said, adding she'd just as soon play in her living room. "That's kind of why I do it, really, to push myself."

Barb Allman and Ruth Casey joined Kerr in the adult class last week.

All three women take lessons from McInnes and are studying at the Grades 9 and 10 levels.

"I took lessons in high school," Allman said. "I didn't get back into it until I was well over 50."

Allman's been taking lessons from McInnes for six years now and was playing a Mozart sonata on Friday.

"It's just beautiful," she said of classical music. "It's serene, it's light, it calms me down."

Allman typically needs some calming down when she takes the stage at the festival.

"I love playing the big piano on the stage," she says of the grand piano housed at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, "but I'm afraid my nerves do a number on me."

Allman said it was simply the love of the music that drew her back to the keyboard after decades.

"And just to improve my skills," she said. "My intent is to be able to rock the retirement home."

Casey has taken lessons on and off throughout her life.

"I started at 10, for 10 years," she said, adding that in a later stint, she moved to the organ.

Music has been a thread weaved throughout her life, Casey taking choirs to the music festival in Scarborough during her years as a schoolteacher.

"It's been a big part of my life," she said.

In retirement, Casey plays piano at the West Guilford Baptist Church.

She was playing Scott Joplin's *Maple Leaf Rag* at the festival.

Studying with McInnes for the past few years, Casey has a once-a-week lesson, but practises every day.

"I told Lauren, if I mess up, it's not because I haven't practised," she laughed.

See photos from this year's music festival on page 12.

## High school martial arts teaches students mindfulness

**Zach Cox**  
Staff reporter

Generally, the thought of combat doesn't bring peace of mind.

Martial arts, however, have a long history of being used for meditation and for both mental and spiritual well being.

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board, in partnership with Point in Time, the Integra Foundation and Ryerson University, is currently in the second year of a pilot project that delivers what is known as Mindfulness Martial Arts to students at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Through the program, HHSS teacher Martin Gage and Point in Time representative Linda Mintz facilitate a weekly 90-minute program that incorporates cognitive behavioural theory alongside martial arts, psychological mindfulness practices and ancient eastern wisdom mindfulness techniques.

At the high school, MMA - standing for both mindfulness martial arts and mixed martial arts in this case - begins with a bow-in.

Once bowed in, participants take part in breathing exercises and yoga and then progress into meditation.

The yoga and meditation practices get increasingly difficult as the semester-long class progresses.

Following meditation, the class is given a mindfulness lesson and then the remaining 45 minutes are spent practicing martial arts techniques.

The techniques include individual punching and kicking practice, as well as wrestling and grappling in pairs.

The class ends with a bow-out and one-to-one discussions between teachers and students, where feedback can be given from both sides.

"The whole goal of the program is to promote or increase a thing that we call self regulation, which I think to some people just means your ability to sort of keep yourself under control, but actually, I think it's a lot bigger than that," says Gage. "It's actually our ability to know yourself well enough to decide what your needs are and come up with a plan or a skillful means to achieve those things, whatever your goal

in life is."

MMA at HHSS is a trial implementation of a program developed by Paul Badali from the Integra Foundation, a Toronto-based children's mental health centre.

The foundation has ties to Haliburton as their residential therapeutic program for children and youth with learning disabilities and related psychosocial difficulties, Camp Towhee, is located here.

According to Mintz, Point in Time's Marg Cox played a large part in establishing the MMA program at the high school.

Cox said she is not the only one to deserve credit, saying, "Trillium Lakeland District School Board and principal Dan Marsden deserve a huge amount of credit for taking the leadership to provide MMA at the local high school. This is the first location other than Integra where MMA is operating. Once again Trillium Lakelands is leading by example."

Two years ago, Mintz and Gage were approached with the concept, and upon agreeing, travelled to Toronto once a week for 20 weeks to work through the program with Badali as a training course. The program was then installed at HHSS during the 2012-2013 school year.

"The cool thing, in a community like that that's geographically diverse, [is that] the kids and students are already here," says Gage, "This is sort of the hub." Gage explained that there have been differences in hosting the program in a school compared to hosting it at the Integra Foundation building in Toronto. "We are hoping to better adapt it to a school environment"

Ryerson University's part in the program is analysis of the program's impact. Mintz and Gage declined to comment on the analysis as they are not the ones conducting the research.

They have, however, noticed some changes in program participants.

"You do see kids starting to apply it," says Gage but notes that creating visible changes isn't his goal. "To me it's more important that they notice a change, or that it's important to them that I notice a change, because it's about self."

"A common theme that I've noticed over the year and a bit, what I'm hearing is that it's a place where [the students]

felt that they all belonged and everybody was the same," adds Mintz.

There are numerous ways that students can become involved in the program. Point in Time can make a referral, it can be recommended by parents or teachers and students can even refer themselves. "Normally when someone thinks the program is right for them, it's right for them," says Gage.

Matthew Sexsmith, a Grade 11 student who participated in the program last year, found it interesting.

"I feel that the program is great for troubled kids because it was about learning to control themselves I believe it's a really good thing."

While Gage agrees that some individuals may benefit more than others, he is adamant that mindfulness martial arts can be beneficial for anyone. "The whole idea that's really important to me is that it's good for everyone," he says. "I don't want people to think it's just for a certain kind of person."

"I'm never going to tell a kid, because it's not necessarily true, that by doing mindfulness you'll relax. It's really by doing mindfulness you'll be aware of what you're experiencing and you'll be experiencing it on manual," he says, also looking to dispel the impression that mindfulness and meditation are solely about relaxation. "Who is the most important person, what is the most important time to do each thing, what is the most important thing to do, it's all about the presence."

Gage and Mintz would love to see the program continue and expand, but currently cannot predict how the project will move forward.

In the meantime, through meditation, breathing practices, mindfulness lessons and stories and martial arts, students at HHSS are learning to be more mindful and more present, something that every individual can benefit from now and then. For those who wish to pursue their own mindfulness, Matthew has a mindfulness practice that stuck with him: anchoring oneself with one word. "It really helps you focus," he says. Gage and Mintz also have some advice: "just be."



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Adjudicator Guy Few gives advice to singer Nancy Moffitt.

# Making beautiful music

**Len Pizze**  
Special to the *Echo*

For three days last week, the sounds of beautiful music made the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton a joyous place to be.

For the 18th year in a row, the Haliburton Highlands Music Festival gave local music students, both children and adults, an opportunity to perform for family, friends and a professional adjudicator who offered advice and encouragement to a wide range of individual musicians and ensembles.

Returning to the festival for a second year, adjudicator Guy Few once again shared his infectious enthusiasm and musical brilliance with singers, brass, woodwind and string players and pianists.

Many adult music students joined younger performers who swallowed their nervousness and took the stage to showcase the fruits of long hours of practice.

The Festival concludes this Thursday evening with a Highlights concert.

Tickets are \$7.50 and are available at the door. The concert begins at 7 p.m.



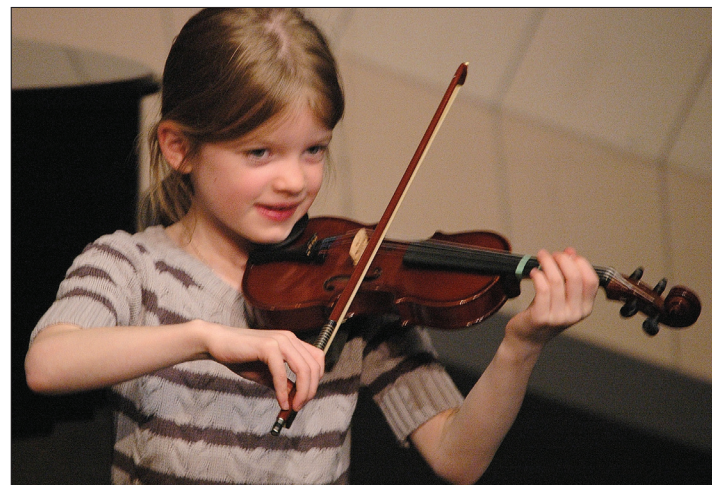
Cellist Annabelle Craig performs.



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Benjamin and Emma holding hands. Photo submitted by Joanne Bancroft



Julia visits with the animals at the Arwen Miniature Donkey farm. Photo submitted by Joanne Bancroft



Amberley Beatty and The Sweet Dreams were a hit! Photo submitted by Dave Allen



Bonnie Roe, chairwoman of the 10th Anniversary Hike for Hospice accepts a \$500 cheque from Cindy Trapp from Investors Group in support of this year's event.



Cardiff Elementary School students show off their new homemade puppets. They created the puppets with help from puppeteer Shelley King, seen far right, as part of the Haliburton Highlands Arts Council's Artists in the Schools program.



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# SPARC as an outsider on the inside

**Zach Cox**  
Staff reporter

**F**rom Thursday, April 24 until Sunday, April 27, the Symposium for the Performing Arts in Rural Communities was held in and around Haliburton County. I had the opportunity to take part in the full event as both embedded press and a youth delegate. What follows is a summary of my experience.

I wouldn't call myself a performing artist. Throughout high school I helped behind the scenes for a few productions and was a member of the jazz band for a couple years, but my one big break that proved I was destined for the stage occurred when I ended up stepping into a skit as a boy-band fangirl when a friend of mine was late. Yeah, I'm no performing artist.

I was slightly anxious, then, when I was invited to be, in conjunction with embedded press, a youth delegate for the Symposium for the Performing Arts in Rural Communities. The first thought to come to my mind: "I'm not going to have to sing or dance, am I?" Rationalizing that they probably wouldn't force me to do so against my will, I agreed.

Prior to the event, the youth delegates had an opportunity to introduce themselves and interact through a Facebook group. Scrolling through the introductions I was bombarded with an incredible listing of talents and accomplishments; theater director, scriptwriter, luthier, dancer, musician in numerous bands, sound technician and more. To say I felt out of place would be an understatement.

Regardless, on Thursday, April 24, I arrived at the Fleming College Haliburton campus bright and early and registered right at 11 a.m. Being one of the first people at the venue, I had the opportunity to be the trial photography subject. In order to facilitate getting to know other attendees, the plan was to have each person make a profile page with their picture on it. Of course, standard pictures are no fun, so there was a giant bag of costume items to pick and choose from. Fake moustaches, pig noses, an Indiana Jones whip, this was a symposium for performing artists alright.

The thing is despite my misgivings once the event was underway, I no longer felt out of place. In fact, I was made to feel



Maja Bannerman, of Parasol Lane Productions, captivated SPARC attendees with her portrayal of Lizzy the Maid. Zach Cox Staff

right at home. There were all sorts of backgrounds, and I certainly wasn't the only non-performer, nor the only one who was concerned about being out of place. The atmosphere was welcoming and electric. MPP Laurie Scott felt the same, saying in her speech on Thursday night, "The positive atmosphere and the delightful people that I've met since I've come into this room is just so engaging."

"The best things happen around the arts." Those words were Kendra Wishlow's, the energetic youth intern for Sticks and Stones Productions and the Haliburton County Folk Society. Over the next few days, they proved to be true. An astounding amount of content was packed into each day of the symposium, with numerous simultaneous workshops, performances, keynote speakers and discussion sessions.

From A Crash Course in Site-Specific Theatre Making in Rural Surrounds to Theater Without Walls: The Story from Scotland to Rural Artists' Contributions to Resilience & the Emergence of a Local Culture-based Economy, there were sessions aim-

ing to appeal to seemingly everyone.

On the Friday, I attended a session called Celebrating Local Stories with Shadow Puppetry, and something that the facilitator Krista Dalby said really stuck with me. "A place doesn't need to be famous to be important. Same with a person. Same with a story."

Throughout the event I witnessed firsthand that the creativity that performers apply to their work is present in their thought processes as well. During a youth caucus discussion on both the challenges and assets of performing arts in rural communities, there was a push to change perspective and think of challenges. "You can't stay in the box if you don't know what the box is," quipped one of the youth delegates, Madeline Smith. "We should be celebrating what makes us rural rather than skirting it."

SPARC did exactly that, highlighting the possibilities that rural areas can present. "As a rural community you have to be innovative, interesting, a little bit different but a little bit yourself," said Tammy Rea during her session, Finding the World in Your

Neighbourhood...Bringing your Film to Light.

Jack Brezina emphasized the fact that rural communities provide opportunities as well. "Hey, we're more than just a municipality that plows roads and looks after garbage, we have a character and it's generally found in performing arts."

"This summer, in Haliburton County, from May 1 to the end of September, 34 presenters will be offering 64 shows, and this is only in musical performances. So I think this definitely demonstrates performing arts are alive and well in rural communities," said SPARC organizing committee chairwoman Lesley English.

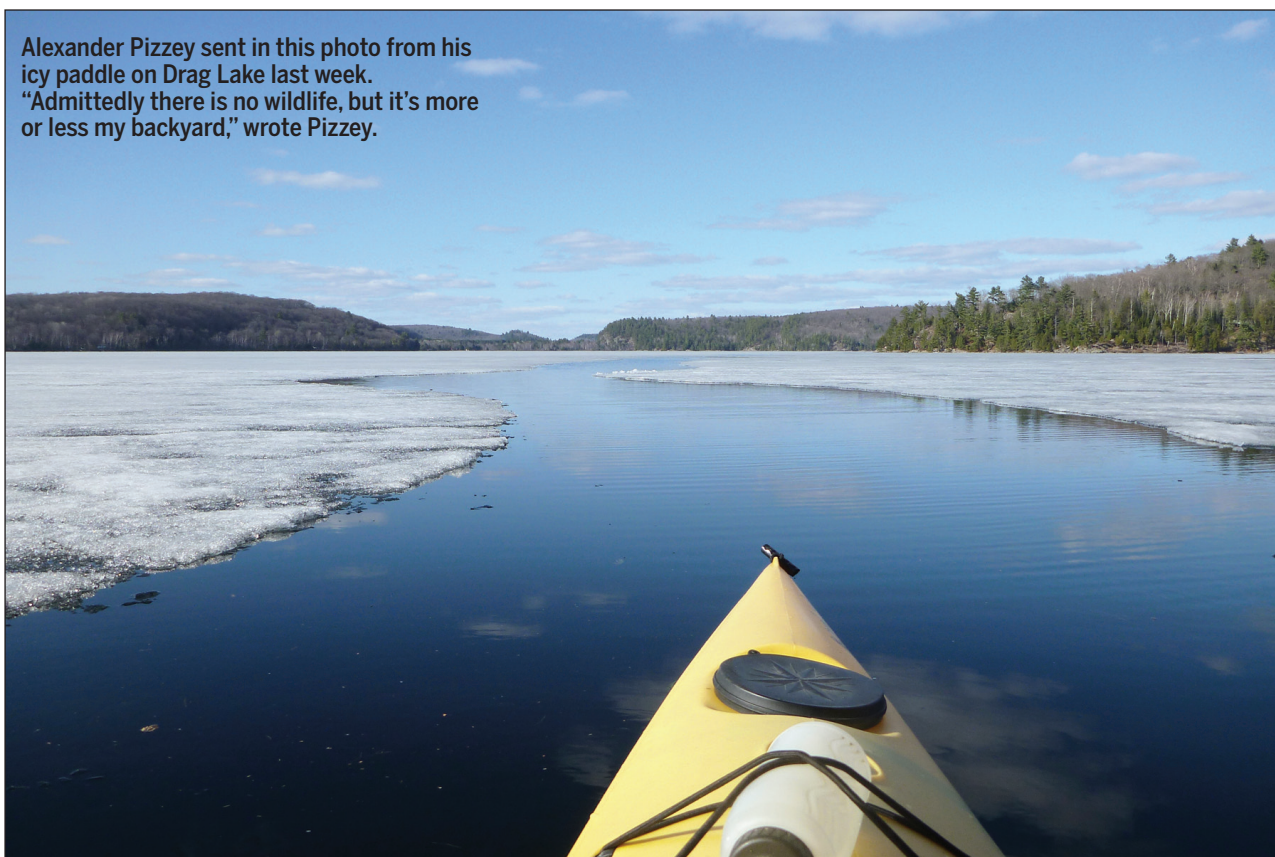
It's no secret that the performing arts are a big part of Haliburton County. There is a reason that this was the location for the very first Symposium for the Performing Arts in Rural Communities. SPARC has shown though, that we're not alone. The rural performing arts community may be spread across the province, country and beyond, but it is by no means small, and certainly by no means silent.

There is the desire to expand the industry, and there is the passion to fuel the growth. Those in attendance demonstrated that they are willing to add their voice, but also that they are willing to listen. This was clearly shown on the Sunday when the youth delegates spoke. The Great Hall was dead silent as everyone gave their full attention to the youth. To me, this level of respect and willingness to collaborate was proof that there is true dedication to moving the rural performing arts industry forward.

SPARC was a tremendous event, one that celebrated rural performing arts while simultaneously looking at the industry critically. "Let's keep the spark glowing," is the plea, and from what I saw, the call to action is being eagerly answered. I am looking forward to the next steps and the establishment of the network that will facilitate even more interaction and collaboration between rural communities.

I would like to thank everyone who devoted time to making the event happen, and for inviting me to take part. Thank you especially to the Township of Minden Hills, as it was a generous donation on their part that permitted me to be brought on as a youth delegate. SPARC may have ended, but the flame burns bright.

Alexander Pizze sent in this photo from his icy paddle on Drag Lake last week. "Admittedly there is no wildlife, but it's more or less my backyard," wrote Pizze.



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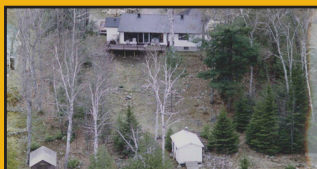
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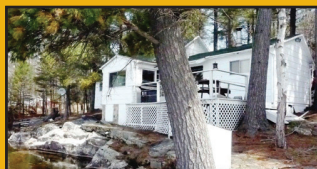
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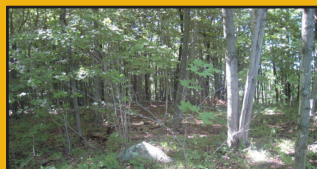
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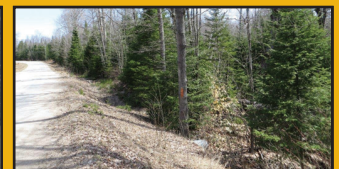
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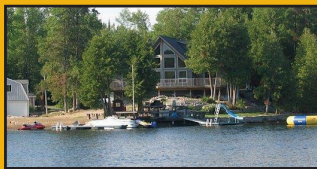
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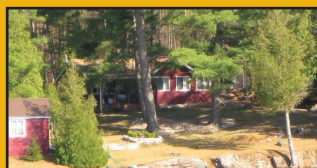
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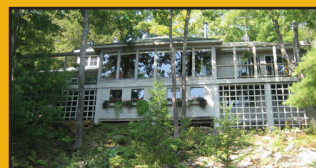
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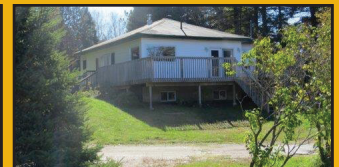
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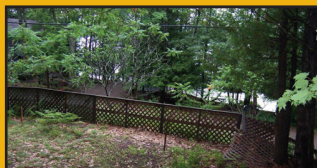
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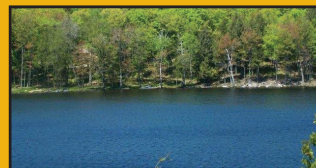
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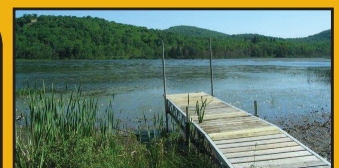
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Global radio

Rotary Interact Club members and high school students Emma Cox, left, and Alyssa Denyer prepare to record radio commercials for Rotary Radio Day on Canoe FM. Daylong programming on May 14, will raise money for charity Education is Power based in Vancouver.

Notice



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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The Township of Algonquin Highlands is accepting detailed aviation-related proposals for the long-term lease and development of an unserviced parcel of land adjacent to the airport.

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Oceane Hames writes out information for an advertisement while Taylor Sands calls a potential advertiser for Rotary Radio Day happening on Canoe FM on May 14. For the entire day students who are part of the Rotary Interact Club at the high school along with Rotarians will raise money on the radio for charity.

Jenn Watt  
Staff

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# Sports

## Volunteers improving b-ball opportunities

**Darren Lum**

Staff reporter

The future of basketball in the Highlands is looking brighter thanks to local volunteers Dave Waito, Paul Longo and Sam Little who give all they can to the Steve Nash Youth Basketball program.

According to the Basketball Canada website, this program is a national offering to teach and develop fundamental skills, sportsmanship and a love of the game to boys and girls. It also helps young participants maximize their potential, using basketball to build character, discipline and self-esteem.

This basketball program is named after Nash, who is one of the most famous professional basketball players Canada has ever produced. Nash is the general manager of Canada's senior men's basketball team and plays for the NBA's Los Angeles Lakers and is a two-time MVP and a perennial all-star.

This program wouldn't happen without the dedication of HHSS teachers and basketball coaches Longo, Waito and Little.

They appreciate the program for its support and structure to establish a "basketball family" that will translate to a strong future with a greater appreciation for the game.

Waito loves basketball for the "life lessons" related to the team, where people fulfill roles and duties; its complexity related to the strategy and execution; and how it demands a range of skills and athleticism unlike other sports.

With the best numbers in its history this year, the program included the use of the J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School for the first time to accommodate the 65 youth participants on Monday, April 28. From April 28 to June 16 (except for May 19), the weekly offering is from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and JDHES. For \$40 every participant (between five and 13) receives a jersey, basketball, poster, shoe bag, parent's guide and at the end of the year a certificate of achievement.

Hockey remains arguably the most popular sport in the county and this isn't lost on Waito, who wants to provide options to children and youth when it comes to the athletic landscape.

"It's not necessarily to take away from [community], but add to [community]. To give kids more options for things they'd like to do," he said. "Hockey has always been a big part of the town and it has been great in that sense, but I think there are other niches we can tap into as well. Options are a good thing. We want the kids to do something they love and, personally, I hope that's basketball."

With 35 Grade 3 and 4 participants, Waito believes this bodes well for a strong basketball future for Haliburton County.

This will not only improve the health of these children, but also develop stronger players for the high school teams, he adds.

A Nash program volunteer Gordon Cochrane, who is a retired lawyer that played for a U.S. college, and splits his time between his home in Chicago and home in Haliburton, is amazed these three local high school teachers don't get more credit or attention.

"The stuff that goes on here is a light hidden under a bushel basket. I think people ought to be aware of what they're doing," he said.

It's "shocking" these guys give so much of their own time to teach basketball skills and fundamentals. In the States high school coaches are paid to coach, he pointed out.

Cochrane, who is a regular playing adult pickup basket-



Sporting their Steve Nash jerseys, the basketball camp attendees write their names on their basketballs.

**Zach Cox**  
Staff

ball on Monday nights at the high school, moved here in 2007 and has helped Longo, Little and Waito since the Nash program started three years ago.

He loves the competitiveness, the camaraderie and the teamwork of the game and sees this opportunity as a way to pass on this passion to youth.

HHSS Grade 11 student and varsity player Hunter Smith is one Nash program participant that has been there since the beginning and cannot imagine the development of his game being where it is without the program.

Smith is thankful to Longo, Waito and Little for their time and dedication towards giving him a solid base of basketball skills, but also an opportunity to be a leader.

"It's great thing that they are starting to get into the Haliburton community for sure. It helped out a lot. Not just for me, but for a lot of people that are on my team. It's helped out tremendously both mentally and the fundamentals of basketball," he said.

Smith said his teammate Matt O'Reilly started with him in the Nash program three years ago and has begun to coach the younger players. This year there are 11 of their teammates helping, which is an inspiration to younger players, he said.

"Just for us to show the kids there are some high school students that have put in the time that have actually improved from it and try to show them, 'Hey, there are some guys in high school that really like it. Oh, maybe I can look up to them,'" he said.

Waito said the other two teachers set up the drills while the younger coaches run them.

"We're really doing it for them. To see them in those leadership roles, that's what we want is for them to feel like they're as much involved as we are. It's their program too as much as ours," he said.



One of the youth at the Steve Nash Basketball Camp practices proper dribbling form.

## OFSSA bronze in badminton for Hawks

The Red Hawks senior boys doubles badminton team of Tanner Hamilton and Curtis Ballantyne struck bronze in the C flight at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSSA) championship in Markham last

week.

It was their first trip to the all-provincials in badminton and second-ever OFSSA berth.


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\*A follow-up story will run in next week's *Echo*.


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## Rotary smiles at VDO

The members of the Rotary Club of Haliburton, from left Brian Nash, Maureen O'Hara, Mark Dennys, Dorothy Menton, Brian Menton, David Zilstra and Lance Edwards presented a \$2,500 cheque to the Volunteer Dental Outreach board of directors Mark Arike, Janis Parker, Bill Kerr, Lisa Kerr, Kathy Purc, Melanie Aldom, Sandra Slauenwhite-Box and Brigitte Gebauer. This money will pay for dental equipment. To date (May 5), the VDO has provided \$900,228 worth of free dental care to 414 patients and have offered 2,488 appointments to low income residents in Haliburton County.

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## On the move

Staff enjoy their new office for Community Care Haliburton County, now located at 7185 Gelert Road, next to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services hospital. Staff officially moved into the recently renovated space on April 28. All services remain the same, with the exception of the Meals on Wheels program, which is now run out of the HHHS building at 7199 Gelert Rd. The phone number for Community Care is still 705-457-2941. From left, Nancy Brownsberger, community outreach coordinator, Maureen Ruttig, executive director, Janet Wood, enhanced care coordinator, Brigitte Gebauer, coordinator of volunteer resources, Ida Schultz, Meals on Wheels coordinator, Brenda Bain, administrative assistant. Missing from the photo are transportation coordinator Judy Cumming and financial administrator Sherry Mulholland.

Angelica Blenich Staff

# Are you prepared for an emergency?

Jenn Watt  
Editor

Haliburton County Paramedic Service is dedicating this week to preparing area residents in case of an emergency.

Each family should have a plan and enough supplies to get by for 72 hours should there be an emergency situation such as a natural disaster.

"In Haliburton we're subject more and more to severe weather events," said Craig Jones, chief/director of the paramedic service.

"With those usually comes power outages. We live in the country. [For example,] if the pump is not working we don't have water," he said.

According to the government of Canada's website [getprepared.ca](http://getprepared.ca), emergency kits should include two litres of water per person per day; food that won't spoil; prescription medica-

tions; cash; flashlights and batteries; first-aid supplies and a copy of your emergency plan.

"Know the risks, have a plan ... and talk about your plan," said Jones.

Often there is one person in the family who has the plan figured out, but if he or she doesn't tell everyone else, it isn't much of a plan at all.

There is information, including fridge magnets, with tips about being prepared for an emergency at every branch of the Haliburton County Public Library as well as at the visitor information centre and county office in Minden and the ambulance base in Haliburton.

This week, the Haliburton County Paramedic Service will be sharing advice at [www.facebook.com/haliburtoncountyparamedicservice](http://www.facebook.com/haliburtoncountyparamedicservice) and on their Twitter feed @HaliburtonMedic.

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# Passion spurs walk from Lindsay to Haliburton

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

Walking is a simple act for a great cause says a long-time fundraising walker from Lindsay planning on ending his 140-kilometre trek in Haliburton later this month.

Terry Foster, a 58-year-old married father of two sons, welcomes people to join him, as he walks from his hometown to Haliburton in support of the Cystic Fibrosis Canada's The Great Strides Walk on May 19.

Foster won't be hard to miss with his white beard and black T-shirt with the dates printed in red and white on the front and back, detailing every walk he has participated in for CF.

With the on-road support of his wife, Foster will be walking with a light step and heavy heart, honouring the memory of Iva Peters, his wife's cousin.

When he saw Peters suffer with cystic fibrosis and eventually die from it, he knew he had to do something.

Foster chose to walk to honour her memory and to be part of the effort to raise money to combat the disease.

"That's always in the back of my mind," he said. "She's why I started all of this in the first place."

Peters, whose immune system was compromised by cystic fibrosis, died in her early 20s from complications when she contracted chicken pox, he said.

He will start his 29th walk for cystic fibrosis in Lindsay on May 17 and finish in Haliburton May 19. He plans on walking 46 kilometres the first two days and 48 on the third. Foster also plans on participating in the 10-kilometre walk in Peterborough, as he has done 85 times.

Foster's walk contributes to the Cystic Fibrosis Canada's The Great Strides Walk (formerly Zeller's Moonwalk for Cystic Fibrosis).

This national event started in 2005 and has raised more than \$18.5 million.

In 2014, there are more than 60 event locations across Canada.

Missing a year has never entered Foster's mind.

He has his entire year mapped out according to charitable walking events, whether it's the MS Walk, the Mark-A-Thon for non-profit organization A Place Called Home, or the Terry Fox Run.

He expects to improve on the \$10,000 he raised last year by filling 120 sponsor sheets, 10 names per sheet. He has every intention of not only using them all, but also surpass-

ing last year's total with more than \$12,000.

For The Great Strides Walk and Terry Fox Run he has raised close to \$170,000, he said.

Putting one foot in front of the other is the least he can do to raise money and awareness for these diseases.

Besides his T-shirt, he doesn't wear anything special, sporting blue jeans and occasionally a CF event baseball hat.

For the last three weeks Foster has been canvassing for donations.

His canvassing, he said, is all the training he needs to prepare for the walk.

Every night he walks to the farthest point away from home and hits every residence on the way back.

It wasn't an accident he chose Haliburton as the finish.

Foster knows the Highlands well and has relatives in the area that will come out to support him, he said.

The ongoing progress of medicine to treat cystic fibrosis keeps him motivated.

"When I started doing this 29 years ago what they told us was that if a child was born with cystic fibrosis they were actually very lucky to make it to kindergarten," he said. "Now I walk with people who are in their 30s and 40s and still going."

He doesn't see his commitment ever ending except when those diseases do.

"These causes are great ones. I will stick around until they are past tense," he said.

He welcomes donations and sponsors. Contact him: [junglebunnie100@hotmail.com](mailto:junglebunnie100@hotmail.com).



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— Terry Foster

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Below right, Andrew McGill captured this image of the first wildflowers of spring.



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# Highlands East bids farewell to lifelong friends

## Wilberforce

Hilda Clark

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Spending time with friends is usually a good time. And the few hours spent with an old friend last week was especially cheerful. Flo Elliott and I travelled over to Fenelon Falls to visit her sister Mavis (Liscombe) Lee. Gail, a former neighbour of Mavis in Norland joined the merry group. This added greatly to the outing.

Mavis seems happy in her new home and was just as charming as in our younger days. It truly is important to enjoy our friends while we can.

Dale Mumford, a former elementary schoolmate from many years ago here in Wilberforce, died last week at his home in Keene. He was in his 82nd year. Sympathy is extended to his wife Rosalee and to all of his family and friends. Dale was part of the Mumford family well known in this and the Harcourt area.

An early birthday cake surprised the Rev. Canon Anne Moore at refreshment time after service at St. Margaret's church last Sunday.

Many in this area especially in Gooderham are greatly saddened by the death of Clifford Stoughton. This lifetime resident of Gooderham died Tuesday, April 29, 2014 in his 88th year.

C.J., as he was known to many, was a huge part of his village and beyond. He seemed content in his hometown where he owned and operated businesses over the years. They included Stoughton Electric, Bait and Tackle, Stoughton's Barber Shop, as well as his own bus route for the local school for over 30 years. Whatever was happening

in town you could be sure Clifford had a hand in it

The huge crowd of people who came out to a Memorial Gathering in his honour at the Robert McCausland Community Centre in Gooderham on Saturday, May 3 was indicative of the high regard in which this citizen was held. A hearty down to earth man is gone from them. He will be well remembered.

Sympathy is extended Myria his wife of over 70 years, daughters Sharon Stoughton-Craig (Ken) and Joan McCausland, sons Wayne (Dawn) and Boyd (Laura) and to all of his family and friends.

A private interment will be at the Gooderham Cemetery.

Congratulations and appreciation to the Highlands Festival Singers, the choir, conductor Melissa Stephens, and accompanist Lauren McInnes for warming up spring and their audiences with their Sea Songs and Shanties concert last Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. Listening to their renditions of selections such as *Coming Home*, *The Water is Wide*, *The Lonely Sea*, *South Australia*, *All For Me Grog* and *What Shall We Do With A Drunken Sailor?* one could easily imagine sailors chanting while hoisting sails, raising anchors and longing for the sea and also for home.

It is apparent these folk love to sing and have given much time and energy to their choir. They had an opportunity to join the audience in appreciation of *En Bateau* by Claude Debussy, a one piano four hands presentation featuring Melissa and Lauren.

Here's a thought from one who barely hums along. There appeared to be many in the audience, even some former members of the choir, and possibly some potential new ones, that seemed ready to break out in song. Maybe having audience participation in an appropriate well known number might be fun. I think this has been done perhaps at a Christmas concert.

## West Guilford resident raises more than \$5,000 for Hike for Hospice

## West Guilford

Eleanor Cooper

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Congratulations to Miles Maughan on his 35 years of service and leadership in the Dysart et al firefighting department, as recognized in last week's *Echo*. Formal recognition from the reeve expressed the area's appreciation.

Congratulations also to Nancy Brink whose participation in the Hike for Hospice raised \$5,025!

On March 1, 2014, Scarlett Jessie Griffith was born in Chilliwack, B.C., to Alex Griffith and Carlye Jones, son and daughter-in-law of Sandy and Italo of the Corner Café.

A granddaughter of Merrill and Merrie Barry, Janice Holden, performed well in the Music Festival on the violin and received fine adjudication for her playing.

Euchre scores on April 29

High - Kay Morrison and John Kerr

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# WES shows its heart for Pedal for Hope

**Darren Lum**

Staff reporter

When the Pedal for Hope cycling tour rolled into the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre in Wilberforce they were greeted by a sea of yellow shirts showing support for the Cops for Cancer by the Wilberforce Elementary School on Monday, May 5.

For the last 10 years the personnel of Peterborough Lakefield Police Service have completed their 1,000 kilometre cycling tour starting and ending in Peterborough, travelling through the surrounding area bringing hope to children with cancer, helping fundraise for pediatric cancer research and raising awareness of bullying. It has raised more than \$2 million in that time.

Every year the tour has stopped to meet with the WES students, who learn about cancer prevention and opposing bullying.

In honour of the 10 year anniversary, Pedal for Hope offered to sell yellow T-shirts with the "Pedal for Hope 10" on the front with the school name on the back.

All 65 WES students received a shirt thanks to the school and its school council while faculty bought their own. This effort helped to raise \$2,090 for the tour.

The top fundraiser was Erik Morrison with \$278.75, while Travis DeSousa with \$112 was second and Michael Rogers with \$105.

There were six people who had their heads shaved or ponytail cut for the event.

This included students Lily-Rose Drain, Chelsea Flynn, Jacob Wood, Michael Rogers, WES principal Gord Wood and Highlands East Councillor Steve Kauffeldt.

The tour has completed 350 kilometres and is in Apsley today.

Cops for Cancer started 25 years ago and has raised more than \$50 million for the Canadian Cancer Society.

Right, Wilberforce Elementary School principal Gord Wood, left, and Highlands East Councillor Steven Kauffeldt had their heads shaved when the Pedal for Hope cycling tour rolled into Wilberforce and met with WES students at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre on Monday, May 5. WES raised \$2,090 this year. The tour, which includes personnel from the Peterborough Lakefield Police Service and guests, celebrated its 10th consecutive year raising money for pediatric cancer and raising awareness about bullying. It has raised more than \$2 million from its annual 1,000 kilometre bike ride on a loop through neighbouring towns, starting and finishing in Peterborough every spring.



**Darren Lum** Staff

The Pedal for Hope cycling tour rolled into Wilberforce where they shaved the head of Wilberforce Elementary School students including Michael Rogers, who helped to raise \$105, at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre on Monday, May 5. WES raised \$2,090 this year.



## Auxiliary's geranium tea fundraiser just around the corner

**Jenn Watt**

Editor

The Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary is marking spring with its second geranium tea fundraiser on June 8 at the Haliburton Curling Club.

The auxiliary is raising money to buy a bariatric chair for the hospital's emergency room and hopes to get a good start on that project with this event.

The geranium tea includes a lunch prepared by auxiliary volunteers as well as door prizes and a loonie auction.

The bariatric chair, which is a larger chair allowing for those who can't sit comfortably in the standard chair, isn't in the budget for Haliburton Highlands Health Services, which makes it a perfect candidate for auxiliary money.

Each year, the medical staff identify the equipment they need to provide high-quality health-care at the hospital and the auxiliary chooses a few items from the list to work towards.

In 2012, they spent about \$50,000 on emergency room lighting, a scale, two blood pressure monitors, a blood fridge, heart monitor and more.

"By supporting the events of the auxiliary ... the money from fundraisers helps to put in place the items that are really needed and not in their budget," said auxiliary member Joan Stinson.

Last year's tea went so well that the auxiliary has relocated the event to a larger venue at the curling club.

Tickets are \$15 and should be purchased ahead of time to let the volunteers know how many people they are preparing for. Call Maureen at 705-457-7825 for your ticket.

The tea and lunch is from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on June 8.

Note: the Geranium Tea and Lunch is not the same thing as the geranium sale, which is also a fundraiser for the auxiliary. Those who wish to order geraniums can do so by calling Elinor at 705-754-1500 or going to the Haliburton Hospital gift shop. Those orders must be made by May 14. The flowers will not be distributed at the tea event.



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Thanks to Kersten, Barry & Staff of Gordon Monk Funeral Home for making this difficult loss a little easier.

Thanks to Rev. Harry Morgan for the very nice service, the music played by John Menzies, & VCW for the lovely lunch they provided.

A special thank you to my family. Without all of you, this journey would have been much more difficult.

Thank you all

~ Olga, Clifford, Jessica, Myla, Pam, Colin, Cadence & Sawyer

## Clarry, Jessie Ella (nee Maughan)

September 25, 1932- March 14, 2014

It is with heavy hearts and deep sadness we announce the passing of our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother who passed away on Friday March 14, 2014, in her 82nd year surrounded by family.

Pre-deceased by her loving husband of 47 years, Robert David (Dave) Clarry.

Jessie was the eldest daughter of William Medford Maughan and Mary Lewyllan (Payne) of Essonville (Tory Hill), Ontario. She was the beloved sister of Lila, Mary, Margaret and pre-deceased brother, Bruce.

Jessie leaves behind seven children including Robert (Janice) in Markham; Heather in Victoria, B.C.; Elizabeth (Ann) in Sutton; David (Sandra) in Oshawa, Ronald in Sunderland, Kevin (Lorraine) in Haliburton; Janette (Janet) in Stouffville. She also leaves 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place at the Essonville Historic Church, on Saturday, May 10, 2014 from 1pm - 4pm. Service to be held on Mother's Day - Sunday, May 11, 2014 at 11am. Internment to follow at Essonville Pioneer Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Kidney Foundation of Canada.



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#### Clifford 'CJ' Stoughton

(Resident of Gooderham, Ontario)



Suddenly at Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday morning, April 29, 2014 in his 88th year. Beloved husband of Myria Stoughton (nee Higgins) for over 70 years. Loving father of Sharon Stoughton-Craig (Ken), Wayne (Dawn), Joan McCausland and Boyd (Laura). Fondly remembered by his grandchildren, great grandchildren and his great great granddaughter. Cliff is the last surviving member of his family. Predeceased by his brothers and sisters Olive, Lloyd, Gladys, Helen, Kathleen, Lydia and Hilliard. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. CJ owned and operated Stoughton Electric, Stoughton's Barber Shop, Bait & Tackle, Stoughton & Hunter Holdings Ltd. He owned and operated his own bus route for the local school for over 30 years.

#### Memorial Gathering & Reception

A Memorial Gathering & Reception was held at the **ROBERT McCAUSLAND MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTRE** in Gooderham, Ontario on Saturday afternoon, May 3, 2014 from 2 - 4 p.m. Private Interment Gooderham Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.

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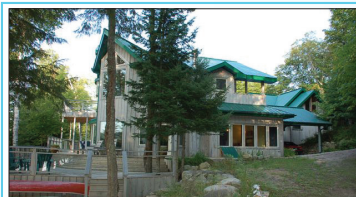
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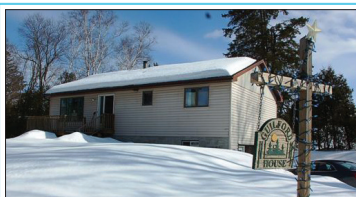
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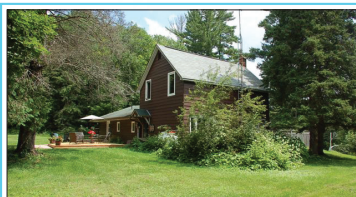
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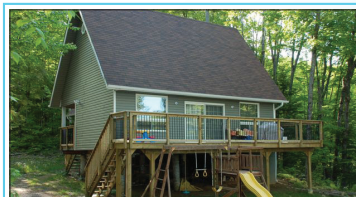
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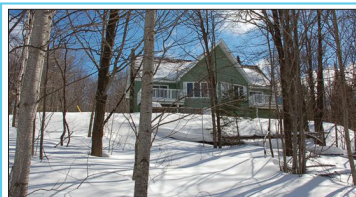
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